

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A container, comprising:  
a container body defining a cavity; and  
a tearable flap connected to the container body, the flap comprising one side having areas of reduced thickness defined in a row or line approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap, and the second side having a continuous film material forming the second side of the flap.
2. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from a first and a second film, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film that form the non-penetrating perforations in the flap when bonded to the second film that does not have perforations.
3. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap with a plurality of score lines from length's end to length's end of the flap.
4. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap with a plurality of rows of non-penetrating perforations from length's end to length's end of the flap.
3. The container of Claim 1, further comprising an adhesive strip approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap.
4. The container of Claim 1, further comprising an adhesive strip approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap and a cover strip on the adhesive strip.
6. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from at least two films, wherein each film is formed from a plurality of layers.
7. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from at least two films, wherein each film is a three layer co-extruded polyethylene film.

8. The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from a first and a second film, wherein the first film is translucent and the second film is opaque.

9. The container of Claim 1, further comprising at least two rows or lines of areas of reduced thickness and a pair of nicks at either end of the flap, wherein the nick ends are within the boundaries of the rows or lines of areas of reduced thickness.

10. The container of Claim 1, comprising means for tearing the flap, said means including two or more rows or lines along which non-penetrating perforations or score lines are aligned from length's end to length's end of the flap, wherein the tearable flap does not have any strings, tear strips or tapes to assist with tearing the flap.

11. The container of Claim 1, wherein the flap is made from polyethylene.

12. The container of Claim 1, wherein the flap is made from a wood pulp product.

13. The container of Claim 1, wherein the flap is made from a synthetic or natural material.

14. The container of Claim 1, wherein the container is an envelope or a box.

15. A method for making a container with a tearable flap, comprising:  
bonding a first film to a second film to produce a composite sheet,  
folding the composite sheet, and bonding the overlapping edges to form a cavity from the sheet and leaving a section of non-overlapping sheet that extends beyond the cavity to form a flap therefrom, wherein the flap includes non-penetrating perforations approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap.

16. The method of Claim 15, further comprising applying an adhesive strip on the flap and across the flap approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap.

17. The method of Claim 16, further comprising applying a cover strip to the adhesive strip.

18. The method of Claim 15, comprising making perforations in the first film but not the second film, wherein the perforations extend completely through the thickness of the first film and after bonding the first film to the second film, the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the flap.

19. The method of Claim 15, further comprising forming dimples in the first film.

20. The method of Claim 19, further comprising bonding a third film to the first film so that the third film is bonded to the convex side of the dimples.

21. The method of Claim 15, comprising two or more rows along which the non-penetrating perforations are approximately aligned with from length's end to length's end of the flap.

22. A method for making a container with a tearable closure, comprising:  
forming a container with a tearable closure, wherein on a first side the tearable closure comprises non-penetrating perforations or score lines across the tearable closure, and on the second side the tearable closure comprises continuous film material.

23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the container with a tearable closure is an envelope, box or bag.

24. The method of Claim 22, wherein the tearable closure is a flap, lid or tape.

25. The method of Claim 22, comprising bonding a first film to a second film to produce a composite sheet, folding the composite sheet, and bonding the overlapping edges to form a cavity from the sheet and leaving a section of non-overlapping sheet that extends beyond the cavity to form a closure therefrom, wherein the closure includes non-penetrating perforations or score lines across the closure.

26. The method of Claim 25, comprising making perforations in the first film but not the second film, wherein the perforations extend completely through the thickness of the first film and after bonding the first film to the second film, the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the closure.

27. The method of Claim 22, wherein the tearable closure comprises two or more rows of non-penetrating perforations aligned along the rows and across the tearable closure

28. A tearable closure for opening a sealed container, comprising:  
rows of non-penetrating perforations or score lines in and across the tearable closure on a first side; and  
continuous film material on a second side of the tearable closure.

29. The tearable closure of Claim 28, wherein the tearable closure is a flap, lid or tape.

30. The tearable closure of Claim 28, wherein the tearable closure comprises a first and a second film, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film, and the second film does not include perforations so that the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the closure.

31. The tearable closure of Claim 28, comprising two or more rows of non-penetrating perforations aligned along the rows and across the tearable closure.

32. A container with a tearable closure, comprising:  
a container body defining a cavity; and  
a tearable closure comprising rows of non-penetrating perforations or score lines in and across the tearable closure on a first side, and continuous film on a second side of the tearable closure.

33. The container of Claim 32, wherein the container is an envelope, box or bag.

34. The container of Claim 32, wherein the tearable closure is a flap, lid, or tape.

35. The container of Claim 32, wherein the container is an envelope and the tearable closure is a flap.

36. The container of Claim 32, wherein the tearable closure comprises a first and a second film, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film, and the second film does not include perforations so that the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the closure.

37. The container of Claim 32, comprising two or more rows of non-penetrating perforations aligned along the rows and across the tearable closure.

38. A container, comprising:

a container body defining a cavity; and

a tearable flap connected to the container body, wherein the flap comprises non-penetrating perforations approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap wherein the flap comprises a first translucent film and a second opaque film, the first translucent film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first translucent film and the second opaque film does not have perforations so that the perforations in the first translucent film are the non-penetrating perforations in the flap, the flap comprising two or more rows along which the non-penetrating perforations are approximately aligned with from length's end to length's end of the flap.

39. A container comprising at least two rows of non-penetrating perforations in the container, wherein the rows are substantially parallel to each other.

40. The container of Claim 39, wherein the rows are along an edge of the container.